इस कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत, राज्य सरकार को निधियां जारी की जाती हैं जो आगे स्थानिक और स्कीमवार आवंटन करते हैं, और चालू वित्त वर्ष, अर्थात् 1998-99 के दौरान राज्य सरकार को 8.88 करोड़ रुपए आवंटित किए गए हैं।

राज्य स्तरीय छानबीन समिति बीएडपीपी के अंतर्गत स्कीमों को शुरू किए जाने के संबंध में निर्णय लेती है।

आठवीं योजना के दौरान राज्य सरकार ने सूचित किया है कि स्वास्थ्य, जलापूर्ति, विद्युतीकरण, सड़कों, सिंचाई, सुरक्षा संबंधी स्कीमें आदि जैसे क्षेत्रकों में स्कीमें शुरू की गई थीं। नौवीं योजना के दौरान राज्य सरकार, आठवीं योजना के दौरान शुरू की गई स्कीमों के अतिरिक्त, स्कूल भवनों का निर्माण, खेलों एवं युवा सेवाओं तथा समाज कल्याण के लिए स्कीमों को शुरू कर रही है।

Application of Dr. Amartya Sen's Approach in Tackling Poverty

1368. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Welfare economics of Prof. Amartya Sen, the Nobel Prize Winner of this year;

(b) if so, whether Government are seriously considering his call for a "non-dogmatic Approach" in dealing with India's massive poverty, which Prof. Sen sees in terms of widespread hunger, illiteracy, a poor health care system, incomplete land reforms, gender differences, deprivation of women and under nourished children;

(c) if so, the details thereof, and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) The Government of India formulates the Five Year Plans to provide appropriate directions for the socio-economic development of the country. The Approach Paper to the Ninth Five Year Plan (1997—2002) adopted by the National Development Council *inter-alia* included the following as major objectives of the Ninth Five Year Plan.

(i) Priority to agriculture and rural development with a view to generatiing adequate productive employment and eradication of poverty.

(ii) Ensuring food and nutritional security for all, particularly the vulnerable sections of society.

(iii) Providing the basic minimum services of safe drinking water, primary health care facilities, universal primary education, shelter and connectivity to all in a time bound manner.

(iv) Empowerment of women and socially disadvantaged groups such as Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes and Minorities as agents of socio-economic change and development.

Considering that rural poverty is largely among the landless and marginal farmers, access to land remains a key element of the anti-poverty strategy in rural areas. The Approach Paper to the Ninth Plan states that the programme of action for Land Reforms would include:

(i) detection as well as redistribution of ceiling surplus land;

(ii) updation of land records on a regular basis;

(iii) tenancy reforms providing for recording the rights of tenants and share croppers;

(iv) consolidation of holdings;

(v) preventing alienation of tribal lands;

(vi) providing access on a group basis to the poor on wastelands and common property resources;

(vii) leasing-in and leasing-out of land will be permitted within the ceiling limits,

(viii) preference to women in the distribution of ceiling surplus land and legal provision for protecting their rights on land.

(d) Does not arise.

Delay in sanction of district Rehabilitation Centres

1369. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission is delaying the sanction of District Rehabilitation Centres as proposed by Welfare Ministry;

(b) the reasons for this delay;

(c) whether any discussions have been held with concerned social workers in the DRC issues by the Planning Commission; and

(d) if so, the details of such discussions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) No specific discussions were held with the concerned social workers in the DRC issues by the Planning Commission. However. One Dr. Pulla Rao from West Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh held discussions with the Officials of the Planning Commission wherein he suggested a model for establishing rehabilitation services at the district level, based on community contribution and participation. In fact, the strategy for rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities proposed in the Ninth Plan is also broadly in conformity with this very same approach.

Details of Pending Projects

1370. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number and details of projects and schemes are pending with the Central Government for the clearance; and

(b) the present status of each of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK):

(a) and (b) Schemes/Projects submitted in the Annual Plans of the States are finalised in consultation with the State Governments during the Annual Plan discussions in the Planning Commission. The approval of Planning Commission is also required for Irrigation and Power projects from investment angle. No power generation projects recommended by Ministry of Power and no irrigation projects are pending clearance in the Planning Commission.

Eradication of Poverty

1371.SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN:Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken fresh initiatives for reorientation of Indian food security system towards elimination of hunger and its consequences ensuring significant change in percentage of population below poverty line;